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Africu it aruetum est edatumq; diem tenebris, Lunæq; labores;
Terren extronax, ven laborantis, nutantia climata mundi;
Et va ne rem nam si q e ne tempus edax vnquam memori eximat æuo
Oblit vrbeæ documen digia, æternis mandante condita fastis. Screuelius

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Africus infestum, glomerato turbine, cetum
Terrentem patulo rictu genus omne natantum,
Et vada verrentem cauda, fluctusq; secantem,
Oblitumq; sui, Bavarorum ad littora vertit,

Illisitq; vadis, atq; aggere cinxit arenæ:
Qui simul ac fatale solum, Syrtesq; vadosas
Mole sua pressit; refugo ad freta perfida nisu
Alta petens, lentoq; pigram molumine caudam

Iactans, nequicquam Neptunia respicit arva.
Et lateri incumbens, immani pondere, dextro
Rumpitur, horrifico sonitu cœlum omne remugit.
Extemplo Batavas volitans pennata per urbes

Fama ruit, variæ glomerant in littore gentes;
Mirantur molemq; feræ, obscœnumq; Priapum,
Et formam informem, penitusq; in viscera hiatum
Et fame, et largo stillantes sanguine fauces,

Ut Thetys attonito fugeret prope decolor æstu.
O qui monstriferi nutu spumantia ponti
Templa quatis, terrasq; salo complecteris omnes
Magne Pater, quidquid monstro portenditur isto,

Seu lætum est aliquid Patriæ, populoq; Batavo,
Sive minax, veniam trepidi pacemq; rogamus:
Præscia nam si quid vatum præsagia possunt,
Sunt iræ documenta tuæ, cladisq; futuræ

Quot portentosum Catthorum in littore monstrum
(Tantum signa valent) clades, cædesq; secutæ?
Nec minus hoc miseris dirum mortalibus omen
Vidimus obscurum Phoebi ferrugine vultum

Fœdatumq; diem tenebris, Lunæq; labores;
Atq; laborantis, nutantia climata mundi;
Quæ ne tempus edax unquam memori eximat ævo
Prodigia, æternis mandantur condita fastis. Screuelius

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